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GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 61.

I. The following regulations concerning the care, supply, and distribution of ammunition will hereafter be complied with by all concerned:

1. Each soldier will be required to have, and to keep his cartridge-box full, with at least, a corresponding supply of caps in his pouch; to which end, captains of companies will make frequent inspections, and, the commanding officers of regiments will also be expected to see that this is observed.

2. In addition, not more than one box for each company, of a thousand rounds of cartridges, will be kept on hand by any regiment. These boxes must be kept in the company wagons, and all special issues will be made therefrom; that is, for burial parties, daily guard, the shooting of beeves, &c., &c.

3. The supply in the cartridge-boxes must never be touched except in action with the enemy.

4. All small arms ammunition, except as prescribed above, and all means of transportation therefor now on hand in any regiment or brigade, will be immediately turned over to the Chief of Ordinance, whose duty it shall be to hold a sufficient battle reserve supply always ready.

5. Captains or commanders of Light Batteries, will as far as practicable, keep their limbers and caisons always full.

6. All officers will be careful in the preservation of empty ammunition boxes and notify the Chief of Ordinance of having such on hand.

II. Division and Brigade commanders will report twice a month through the Chief of Ordinance at these head quarters the amount of ammunition in their respective commands, inclusive of that in cartridge-boxes.

III. The commanders of all Light Batteries will render to the Chief of Artillery of this Army Corps, on the 1st and 15th of each month a return of his battery according to prescribed forms.

By command of Gen'l. Beauregard.

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